

DELAWARE.

PROCEEDINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

ADOPTED AT

A MEETING OF DELEGATES OF NEWCASTLE COUNTY,

*Against the Bank of the United States.*

MAY 19, 1834.

Read, and laid upon the table.

Pursuant to public notice, the Jackson Republican Delegates elected by the different hundreds of Newcastle county assembled at the Red Lion inn, on Saturday, the 5th day of April, 1834.

On motion of William Seal, Dr. Thomas W. Handy was called to the chair; and on motion of Dr. Allan McLane, Thomas H. Tatlow and Charles H. Haughey were appointed Secretaries.

The meeting being thus organized, the following delegates were announced as being duly appointed by the respective hundreds:

*Brandywine hundred.*—Harry Williamson, Isaac Grubb, Dr. W. R. Derrickson, Jacob B. Vandever, and William Allmond.

*Wilmington hundred.*—William Seal, Dr. J. F. Vaughan, William Chandler, John Gordon, and Allan Thompson.

*Christiana hundred.*—Dr. Allan McLane, Joseph Hendrickson, Dr. J. L. Morris, William Herdman, and John Whiteman.

*Newcastle hundred.*—George Read, Esq., William Booth, Thomas H. Tatlow, G. B. Riddle, and Elihu Jefferson.

*White Clay Creek hundred.*—Dr. T. W. Handy, Andrew Kerr, Arthur J. Whiteley, Christopher Brooks, and Nathaniel Wolfe.

*Pencader hundred.*—J. W. Evans, C. Warren, Wm. Stephens, Stephen Townsend, and David Ford.

*Red Lion hundred.*—William Kennedy, Daniel Newbold, John Sutton, jr., Alexander Biddle, and Charles T. Vanhickle.

*St. George's hundred.*—George Houston, Robert Cochran, Thomas McWhorter, C. H. Haughey, and Gassaway Watkins.

*Appoquinamink hundred.*—James V. Moore, William E. Perry, Wm. H. Roberts, David W. Thomas, and Lambert Simmons.

On motion of Allan Thompson, Esq., a committee of one from each hundred was appointed to draught resolutions expressive of the sense of this meeting, as the declared sentiments of Newcastle county, through her

delegates assembled, in relation to the Bank of the United States : thereupon, the Chair announced the following named gentlemen to compose that committee :

Brandywine hundred, Dr. W. R. Derrickson ; Wilmington hundred, Allan Thompson ; Christiana hundred, Dr. Allan McLane ; Mill Creek hundred, Dr. J. L. Morris ; White Clay Creek hundred, Christopher Brooks ; Newcastle hundred, George Read, Esq. ; Pencader hundred, John W. Evans ; Red Lion hundred, William Kennedy ; St. George's hundred, George Houston ; Appoquinamink hundred, W. H. Roberts.

After they had retired a few minutes, George Read, Esq., on the part of the committee, presented the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted :

The committee appointed by this meeting submit the following, which they recommend for adoption, as briefly setting forth the views and opinions of the democracy of Newcastle county.

*Resolved*, as the sense of the delegates here assembled, and, so far as they have been able to gather it, of their constituents, That the act of the Secretary of the Treasury, in declining to continue the deposite of the public money in the vaults of the Bank of the United States, is not the real, nor is it an adequate cause for the pecuniary embarrassment complained of by the community. It is notoriously true that the paper money of the banks was never so amply sustained by a vast amount of specie in the country, and that daily increasing, as at the period the present clamor was excited by the friends of the United States Bank. These complaints of pressure and distress have since been sustained and animated to violence by the whole machinery of money and political power, and intrigue, until the pretence of embarrassment and pressure has produced, in some measure, the fact of distress. The return of the deposits can, we believe, effect no relief, because there is no connexion between the effect and the alleged cause. The true remedy appears to be in the agitators and alarmists ceasing from their attacks on the quiet of the community, and by a speedy decision on the part of Congress of the question of charter or no charter to the United States Bank.

*Resolved*, That the great mass of the democratic party, including the most of their distinguished leaders, many of them now arrayed in favor of the Bank, has been uniformly opposed to the Bank on constitutional grounds. We cannot see any propriety in those who have changed their opinions, permitting themselves to censure those who retain those sentiments they once themselves inculcated, nor can we believe that any argument of mere expediency, nor any thing short of absolute necessity, can interfere with constitutional construction.

*Resolved*, That no question now agitated is of importance enough to divide and separate the republican majority of the country, who ought to feel themselves bound together at the present crisis by more high and lofty principles of action.

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States enjoys, and is entitled to our highest confidence and regard, and that we entertain a full belief in the purity of his motives, and the wisdom and patriotism of his intentions.

*Resolved*, That the constitution of the United States designates a Treasury the depository of their money ; if not there, the money is considered

merely as passing from or to the Treasury. In section 9, article 1, of the constitution, it is provided, "no money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in consequence of appropriations made by law;" and again, in the last clause of section 10, of the same article, it is provided "that the nett proceeds of all duties, &c. shall be for the use of the Treasury of the United States." In the present controversy between the United States Bank and the Government of the Union, a material question presents itself, as to Congress having the constitutional power of making any other place the depository of the public money than the Treasury; it must, it seems, be placed *there*, in order to be appropriated by law, which cannot otherwise act upon it, according to the very letter of the constitution. By the sixteenth section of the Bank charter act, it is provided that the deposits of the money of the United States shall be made in the said Bank and its branches, unless the Secretary of the Treasury shall at any time otherwise order and direct, &c. This provision of the sixteenth section directs the deposits of the public money in the United States Bank, in contradistinction to the constitutional Treasury before alluded to, which is in fact substituting by name a place of deposit, other than the said Treasury. If this view of the subject be correct, then the said sixteenth section is void, because unconstitutional, and leaves the deposits open to the action of the regular authorities. And it seems to this meeting undeniable, that the moneys of the Government appertaining to the Treasury are not, and cannot be made by any action of Congress, the subject of contract, or bargain and sale, with a view to their disposition for safe keeping, in order to confer a benefit on any individual or corporation, by restricting their free removal elsewhere, whereby Congress can deprive itself even for a moment, or deprive any succeeding Congress, of the control over the custody of the public money.

*Resolved*, That we approve of the whole course of the present administration, and especially in conduct in relation to the Bank of the United States, believing, as we do, that the removal of the deposits of the money of the United States, and the efforts to prevent a recharter of said Bank, were necessary to protect the liberties of a free people from a powerful and aristocratical moneyed institution, which, if not now put down, will hereafter govern our country, and reduce the people to a worse than Russian vassalage.

*Resolved*, That George Read, Esq., John Gordon, Dr. Allan McLane, Allan Thompson, and James Rogers, Esqs. be a committee to transmit the proceedings of this meeting, and the several hundred meetings, to the President of the United States, and also the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, requesting the latter to use their good offices in laying the same before their honorable bodies, as an expression of the opinion of the republican party of Newcastle county, State of Delaware.

On motion of William Kennedy, *Resolved*, That we duly appreciate, and decidedly approve of the recent course pursued by the Hon. William C. Rives, of Virginia, who has happily, in these degenerate days, afforded to his country a practical illustration of republicanism: we hail him as the man whom the people will delight to honor.

On motion of T. H. Tatlow, *Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to draught a spirited, bold, and energetic address to the citizens

of this county, exposing the falsity of the present panic and alarm, got up by a reckless and abandoned faction for political purposes, backed by that monster of iniquity, the United States Bank.

James A. Bayard, Esq., Charles H. Haughey, Thomas H. Tatlow, Dr. J. F. Vaughan, and Dr. J. L. Morris, were appointed said committee.

On motion of Dr. J. L. Morris, *Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed in each hundred, to call hundred meetings, as the present crisis may demand, and the people be earnestly exhorted to withstand, with firmness and patriotism, the present attempts on the part of the United States Bank, and its minions, to overthrow the republican party of this country.

For Brandywine hundred, John Elliot, Harry Williamson, and Isaac Grubb; Wilmington hundred, John Gordon, Joseph S. Hedges, and N. G. Williamson; Christiana hundred, Dr. Allan McLane, Joseph Hendrickson, and Dr. J. L. Morris; Mill Creek hundred, Justa Justice, Abel Jeans, and George Springer; White Clay Creek hundred, Christopher Brooks, Andrew Kerr, and Nathaniel Wolfe; Newcastle hundred, Thomas Janvier, jr. Esq., William Booth, and John D. Turner; Pencader hundred, William Thompson, John W. Evans, and Jesse Bouldin; Red Lion hundred, Alexander Biddle, Charles T. Vanhickle, and John Sutton, jr.; St. George's hundred, Robert Cochran, C. H. Haughey, and Eli Biddle; Appoquinimink hundred, David W. Thomas, Thomas Deakyne, and William H. Roberts, were appointed as committees for their respective hundreds.

THOMAS W. HANDY, *Chairman*.

THOMAS H. TATLOW,

C. H. HAUGHEY,

*Secretaries.*